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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of:

Eric OLSON and Akiko ARAI

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For: STARS-A MUSCLE-SPECIFIC ACTIN-BINDING PROTEIN

Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: Mondesi, Robert B.

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on October 20, 2004, to which a response was due January 20, 2005. A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to April 20, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10106332/SLH. Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard as evidence of receipt.

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